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OCCUPY EIU



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Christopher Wagner, a graduate student in the communication studies department and member of Occupy EIU, packs up the group's campsite outside of the Doudna Fine Arts Center Wednesday morning. Wagner said two of the tents blew over and filled with water Tuesday night.

VACANCY

Occupy EIU packs up after
23 days of camping out

The group will
continue to host
events on campus

By Doug T. Graham
Staff Reporter

A windy, rainy night forced Occupy EIU to vacate the library quad but not their cause on Eastern's campus Wednesday morning. Daniel Douglas, a graduate student in the communication studies department and a member of Occupy EIU, said two of the group's tents, which have occupied a patch of grass in the library quad outside of the Doudna Fine Arts Center for the past 23 days, blew over Tuesday night and were flooded with rain. "We don't want to get pneumonia," Douglas said. Douglas said Occupy EIU does not have the resources of other Occupy movements to continue on in the harsh weather. On Wednesday Christopher Wag-

ner, a graduate student in the communication studies department, wrung out blankets that were still wet with the cold, overnight rain. All that remains of their more than three-week-long occupation of campus is a patch of mud where their tents were pitched. Wagner said they are not abandoning their cause just because they have no more physical presence on campus. Wagner said the group's new headquarters is on Facebook. "It's fitting that just because we are out of the quad doesn't mean we don't have a place on campus," Wagner said. He said by getting their message out through social media, they can spread information without having a single office or spokesperson. Douglas said he keeps the Facebook page updated with the various Occupy EIU-related events. Just hours after packing up their wet tents, members of Occupy EIU were fielding questions as part of a panel put on by the communication

studies department on Wednesday at 4 p.m. The panel was focused on how the Occupy movement is being received by the American public. Wagner said he felt the audience asked good questions about the movement. He said he was not surprised by the quality of questions because whoever comes out to student panel at 4 p.m. on a Wednesday probably knows a lot about the movement before showing up. Occupy EIU will be back in the Coleman Auditorium today to host an open forum discussion on the Occupy Together movement. Occupy Together is a web site that tracks all of the Occupy movements around the country, but Douglas said they chose the name to refer to the Occupy movement as a whole. Douglas said the group is inviting students and community members to the event to discuss the Occupy movement nationally and locally. OCCUPY page 5

FINANCE

Small donations
through non-profit
makes difference

By Sara Hall
City Editor

With \$25, students could buy a night of food and entertainment, or they could create a microloan through Kiva that could change someone's life. Kiva is a non-profit organization that works with existing microfinance institutions around the world to provide loans to borrowers who do not have access to the traditional banking system, Amber Matthews, lender communications volunteer with Kiva, said. Kiva applicants will request to post for a microloan on their website. Lenders can view their descriptions and choose to whom they would like to provide a microloan, usually in small amounts, such as \$25. Matthews said over time, the borrower repays the loan to the lender. When lenders get repaid, they can re-lend to another borrower, donate their funds to Kiva's operating ex-

penses, or withdraw their funds to a PayPal account. Tim Mason, a professor of economics, said microloans often prove to be beneficial not only to the individuals receiving them, but to the entire neighborhood. "If they get a loan, they can do well and improve the community," he said. Mason said when microloans are distributed throughout the community, they often make sure the loan is being put to good use so others in the community can receive future microloans as well. "Everyone is contributing to seeing that loan succeed," he said. Mason said these loans also help create a positive economic impact. "The amount they're borrowing is so little, but they can do a lot with it," he said. "It doesn't take much to get the ball rolling." Julie Dietz, a professor of health studies, said she has been involved with Kiva for almost 10 years.

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PRESS CONFERENCE



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Yamma, an ensemble from Israel, will perform at the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Saturday.

Yamma brings
culture to Eastern


By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Eastern students will get to experience Israeli music and culture Saturday. The Yamma: Ensemble Israel will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The ensemble was created in 2004 for leading figures in the Israeli music scene. The Ensemble is made up of members: Talya G.A. Solan, lead vocals; Avri Borochoy, double

bass; Yonnie Dror, wind instruments; Aviad Ben Yehuda, percussion (darbuka, cajon, bells); Sefi Asfuri, string instruments (oud, bouzouki, violin); and Evgeny Krolik, sound engineer. The band creates sounds that are inspired by Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy, Sephardic and Yemenite melodies. Dan Crews, the director of Patron Services for the Doudna Fine Arts Center, said the band's sound is something that most Americans are not familiar with. YAMMA, page 5


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CAMPUS



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A "Do You Agree?" flier hangs in the hallway of Buzzard Hall. A Facebook group called "I Agree With Landon" has been created by Landon Arney, a senior accounting major, and briefly explains his views on Christianity and Jesus and offers an invite to a question and answer session about the mysterious signs at 8 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student starts 'Crusade'

Staff Report

The posters around campus that say “Do You Agree?” may have some students wondering what they are supposed to be agreeing with.

The posters were first seen in the beginning of the semester.

Landon Arney, a senior accounting major, wants to clear up any confusion for Eastern students.

“The 'I Agree With...' campaign was something sponsored by a ministry I am involved with called Cru,” Arney said.

He said the group, Campus Crusade for Christ, wants to raise awareness.

“Our basic hope in putting up the posters and chalking the sidewalks was to raise the spiritual awareness on campus,” Arney said. “We were basically

saying that I am a Christian, and were asking people if they agreed with what I believe.”

Students are also wearing shirts with the message on them.

“Through that (spreading awareness) and students wearing shirts that say 'I agree with Landon, we hope to be able to get into conversations with people about what they believe spiritually,” Arney said.

He also said this was not an

event trying to push their beliefs onto other people, but rather saying, “This is what Landon believes. Do you agree with him?”

Campus Crusade for Christ has weekly meetings at 8 p.m. on Mondays in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The organization also holds Bible studies throughout the week. The meetings are open to anyone.

COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Learning timeline to be amended

By Robyn Dexter
Staff Reporter

The Council for Academic Affairs, after delaying their proposed timeline, will meet to continue implementing the University Learning Goals and to form subcommittees for each specific goal.

Last week, the committee decided to delay the proposal timeline, which had been drawn up by CAA members Debra Reid, professor of history, Aseret Gonzalez, student vice president for academic affairs, and Rebecca Throneburg, professor of communication disorders and sciences.

The CAA University Learning Goals committee came up with a

timeline that saw the CAA forming committees, as well as studying other schools and studying existing Eastern data from the Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning. The CAA also develops surveys and questions for Eastern faculty about learning goals and then assesses the information they get back. This original proposal had all of the above points during this year, and the CAA saw it as happening too quickly.

“The revised proposal still has all the same points, but the process is slowed down, which I agree is a better, more realistic plan,” Throneburg said.

Throneburg also said the time-

line is set for both this and next school year.

“We will begin forming the subcommittees this week, with CAA members self-assigning to subcommittees, discussing the learning experts in each area, and deciding how to solicit a volunteer from each college curriculum committee,” Throneburg said.

The CAA will also act on the creation of a Jazz Studies minor, revisions of three psychology courses, and the revision of the CAA bylaws about the decision-making process.

An email from Karla Sanders, co-chairwoman of the Committee on Retention Efforts, will be brought before the council, invit-

ing CAA members to attend Eastern's Objectives and Proposed Retention Opportunities Analysis meeting on Nov. 30.

“I think it will be informative for CAA members to see what is happening in light of retention in the classroom perhaps concerning courses,” Gonzalez said.

The CAA meets at 2 p.m. today in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

“I think more than anything, curriculum is an objective for CAA to analyze, so as a whole we can make recommendations to President Perry,” she said.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT



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Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples speaks to the Student Senate during its meeting in the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

Third member leaves Senate

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

Holly Henry enjoyed serving on the Student Senate until this semester.

Henry, a junior political science major and a Student Senate member for four semesters, sent in her resignation by email Monday.

"I feel like Senate was sliding down a hill that they were trying to climb," Henry said. "I think internal restraints have been holding the Senate back and instead of helping students, they were just helping themselves."

Henry said Senate members who would try to start a project, such as having the Panther Shuttle go to Mattoon or implementing the Committee on Bylaw Revision and Adoption, would be shut down before they could be voted on.

"Before COBRA could be introduced near the beginning of the semester, the (Student Senate) speaker told incoming senators that he would rather not have it passed," Henry said. "After hearing about this, the author decided not to present it to the Senate."

Henry said she thought there was a bad atmosphere in the Student Senate and that it was very different from previous semesters.

"It seems like, with how the Senate used to be, we were a much more unified group, and now we are divided," Henry said. "I thought being a Senate member was a great opportunity and I really did enjoy it, but I just wasn't passionate about it any-

more."

Henry's resignation was not mentioned at the Senate meeting Wednesday.

Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples, a sophomore history major, refused to comment on why Henry's resignation was not mentioned.

Jenna Mitchell, a junior political science major and Senate member, co-chaired the Internal Affairs committee with Henry.

The Internal Affairs Committee records Senate member requirements such as attending a Registered Student Organization once a month.

Mitchell said they worked well as co-chairs and she thought it was best for Henry to resign or take time off if she was not enjoying being a Student Senate member anymore.

Two proposals were tabled during the meeting. One was for \$225 to pay for travel expenses for Executive Vice President Jarrod Scherle to go to the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee at Harper University in Palatine.

The other proposal was for \$130 to pay for marketing for the spring Pantherpalooza.

Kaci Abolt, a junior communication studies major and the student vice president for student affairs, said the marketing consists of a display case outside of the University Food Court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and two laminated sandwich boards.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

Eastern honors former military for Veteran's Day

By Vicky Kane
Staff Reporter

Eastern students will honor veterans for their service Friday. Eastern is hosting its sixth annual Veterans Day program at 10 a.m. Friday in front of Old Main.

Veterans Coordinator Mike Ruybal is one of the coordinators of the Veterans Day program. A veteran himself, Ruybal served 13 years in the Army.

"There are a little over 300 student veterans at Eastern and that number will continue to grow," Ruybal said.

"There are veterans with purple hearts walking on campus, but you would never know."

Ruybal said the building service workers' contract says there must be a Veterans Day ceremony every year because about 85 percent of the BSWs are veterans.

There will be three guest speakers at the program. The speakers are faculty veterans Lt. Col. Stephen Knotts and Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and student veteran August Lamczyk.

There will be a traditional wreath

laying ceremony by Eastern student veteran Ann Boehlefeld and Cadet Robert Hale will provide the narration for the program.

"Taps" will be played by Eastern student Spencer Powell at the program. "Taps" is a musical piece sounded by the U.S. military nightly to indicate that it is "lights out" and is usually played to honor service men and women.

"Taps' signifies all past fallen veterans and all those to come," Ruybal said.

There will also be a 21-gun salute and Pastor John Titus will be leading a

blessing.

This year's program lands on a very significant day. The program will take place on the unusual date of 11-11-11.

In 1918 on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the Armistice Treaty was signed and eventually became known as Veteran's Day.

It is designed to recognize all honorably discharged Veterans.

"We come back to the civilian world, but we will never be a civilian again," Ruybal said.

There are two veteran's groups on campus. The first group is the Student

Veterans of EIU and the second group is the Black Knights of the Embarras.

The Student Veterans of Eastern is open to anyone, which is beneficial because students are able to help the veterans transition back into the civilian world.

The program is expected to run an hour to an hour and a half. It is free and open to all students, staff and residents.

"A veteran is someone who does not run from fear, danger, or a bullet," Ruybal said. "They run to it."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

We stand by
Student Senate
criticism

Yesterday we printed a response by Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples to our Tuesday editorial criticizing the Student Senate. We claimed the senate had done very little this semester to benefit the student body it represents. Samples replied with a list of things the student government had accomplished this semester.

Normally, we would leave it at that. But gauging his reply, we can only assume we had not been clear enough in our earlier criticism. We hope to do that here and, should he so desire, offer Samples the last word.

We claimed to have “seen next to nothing from the Senate” this semester that would benefit the student body. We are aware of the “accomplishments” listed in Samples’ reply. We stand by that assertion.

Our editorial was directed solely at the Student Senate, not at the student government as a whole. Student government consists of three branches, though the judicial branch is essentially non-functional right now. The third branch, student executives, has done quite a few things this semester that benefit the student body. Many of its accomplishments were listed by Samples in his response.

The first two accomplishments listed were the voter registration drive and the Student Action Team’s lobby trip to Springfield. Both of these are commendable initiatives, but they are part of the executive vice president’s position requirements and are assumed to happen.

We commend the executives for their work, but simply cannot commend the senate for sharing the umbrella of student government.

Many of the listed items are things the student government is required to do, according to its own rules and constitution.

“Pizza with the Pres” and “Lunch with the Mayor” are traditional events put on by the student vice president of academic affairs and they do not demonstrate new innovations.

In response to the Student Organization Cabinet, the student government executive rules state: “The Vice President for Student Affairs shall be charged with organizing and promoting the Student Organization Council. The VPSA shall be the Chairperson of all Student Organization Council meetings.”

It also states that the VPSA is responsible for organizing Pantherpalooza.

In regard to non-Senate members being a part of Student Senate committees, it is stated, “All committees, with the exception of the Council of Chairs, are encouraged to have non-Senator members.”

Other aspects are mentioned in Samples’ response, such as the surveys that 500 students have filled out, but what is missing is one crucial point: What are the results and what can be done with them?

We are not impressed with students doing what is required of them, nor are we proud of reporters for simply reaching the required word count. And the senate should not be content with the mere fulfillment of duties.

The Senate’s job, according to its constitution, is as follows: “The main function of the Senate is to represent the Student Body of Eastern Illinois University and improve student life through the passage of bills and resolutions.”

We have not observed the Senate fulfill this function this semester. Polling is not representation and it is getting very late in the semester to expect they will lead to meaningful representation. Requirements have been met to maintain the quality of student life, but there has been little discernible improvement.

Last night, the Senate had its weekly meeting. Samples brought up our editorial and his letter in his weekly report. He urged them not to let the bad press discourage them from coming back next semester.

Our intention has never been to discourage the senators. We respect the time they put into it. But if they want to be part of government at any level, they must understand that the proper response when the press holds them accountable is to be more accountable. Student Senate is not serving the students as it should. Do something about it.

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COLUMN

Instead of Facebook, try writing
your thoughts in a book-book

When was the last time you or someone you know wrote about their day in a diary? I’m not talking LiveJournal here, I mean a real, physical diary.

The action of setting aside time each night to take down one’s personal thoughts in a diary or journal before going to sleep is something that simply does not happen as much as it used to.

Not that children’s cartoons are an indication of trends in society, but the last time I saw someone on TV maintain a journal was on “Doug,” the old Nickelodeon cartoon, and that was back in the ’90s.

I’ve been thinking about diaries because it seems like with each passing day people are confiding all of their thoughts, opinions and secrets on the web, making the Internet more and more of a large, shared diary.

Think about all of the private, personal things you’ve learned about your friends by what they tweet, blog about or post on their Facebook wall.

Each time I see someone who posts some sensitive information, I think about how the world was when those emotions were con-



Doug T. Graham

tained in a leather-bound book.

The appeal is easy to understand. It is a natural desire to seek attention and the only attention you are going to get for your personal diary is by the journalists who find it after you are dead.

And you can’t enjoy the attention of millions if it is given to your corpse.

The problems in making your Facebook an open book are plentiful.

For one, more and more employers are screening potential employees by scoping out their web presence the same way you or I would scope out products to buy.

Are they going to take a chance on those who treat their Facebook wall like a diary and let the Internet know they cheated on their

last exam and got super drunk last night?

Would you take a chance on buying something online whose manufacturer chose to admit they cheated and drank while designing the product?

I’m not suggesting we start thinking of ourselves as mere products to be sold, but we should consider how we package ourselves online.

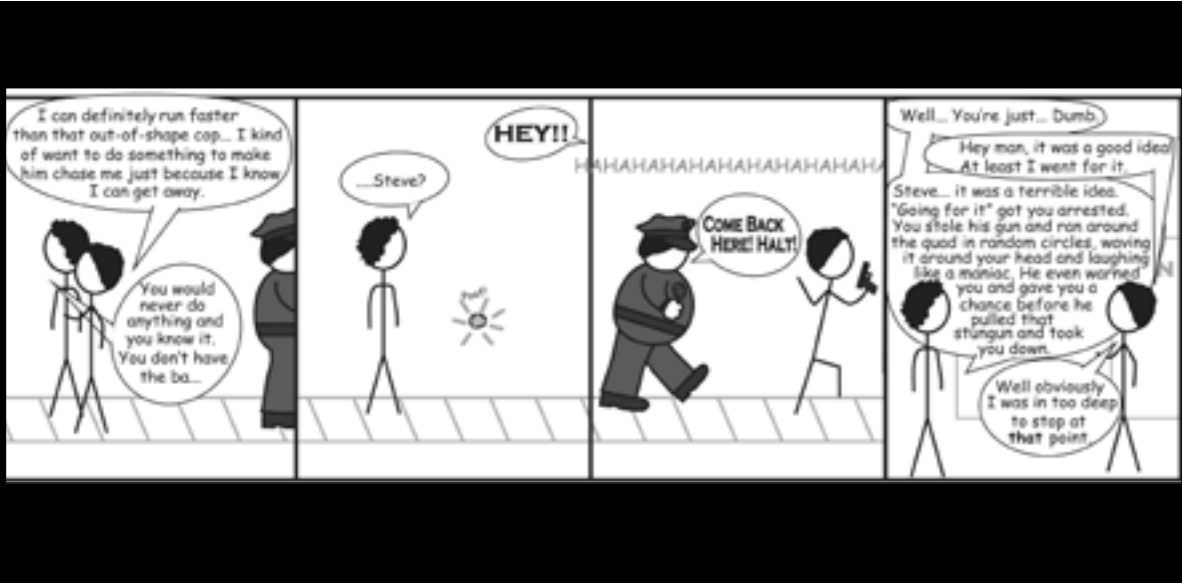
Don’t openly criticize your peers, stop complaining about mundane things—both of those traits are clear messages to employers that you are going to be a problem for them down the road.

There are some who would say they are just being honest when they post their unaltered opinions online, something that by its very virtue cannot be criticized.

I agree, honesty is a virtue—and if you aren’t careful about how you share your opinions you may be in for a simple, honest answer when you ask an employer for a job: No.

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FROM THE EASEL



ETHAN SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Climate change is a farce

With the barriers and burdens of government policies being considered from these claims, their truthfulness should be judged and weighed. If true, then, how serious the consequences?

The main ingredients usually cited are carbon dioxide and methane, products of smoke stack, exhaust pipe, and cattle.

Of the several factors driving our weather, we could begin with four; air, water, glaciers, and volcanoes. Air surrounds the entire planet and moves the sun’s heat into a cycle of dynamic balance. The sun heats the air, and, being

made lighter, it rises, losing its heat at the rate of 5.5 degrees per 1,000 ft. Water covers 71-75 percent of the earth’s surface, absorbing the sun’s power and dissipating its heat to different parts of the planet.

The size of these two forces alone should challenge man’s ability to de-range weather and climate away from natural courses. The daily cycles of day and night add to the dynamism, making temperature an activity of dynamic balance. Major climate changes have happened. Sizable warming had to happen to melt the huge

glacier which covered much of Illinois, gouging into its shape the basins of the Great Lakes.

Also without man’s influence, a sizable and long cooling had to happen to create this glacier. Similar climatic shifts happened in Greenland. Volcanic activity and other factors shaping weather invite our attention.

No Rusty swords,

Leonidas H. Miller
Mattoon

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RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

RHA prepares to evaluate fiscal year

By Michael Wolbers
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association will be meeting in Douglas Hall to discuss the fiscal budget for next year.

The budget determines what programs the RHA will sponsor and how big it will go with said programs.

RHA President Jake Nees said Jenna Kuehl, the board’s treasurer, is in charge of configuring the budget.

“The main thing we are going to be discussing (at the meeting) will be the budget,” Nees said. “Our treasurer has been working on it for a few weeks now.”

The budget determines what programs the RHA can put on, Nees said.

Programs like “Writing on the Wall,” “Kids and Friends Weekend,” “Residents On Campus Festival,” and some scholarships have been funded by the RHA budget in the past, Nees said.

The executive board will also be discussing its spring retreat, which will be taking place the last weekend of January 2012.

“Talking about the retreat will help individuals understand more about the conferences we do and we inform everyone about what we learned and how we are going to bring it back to EIU,”

Nees said.

Nees said he believes the retreat is not only informative, but also a good time.

“Not only is it a jammed pack weekend of fun, recognizing amazing leaders, but also educational which helps us build upon our programs and make them better for our campus,” Nees said.

Nees said he hopes talking about the retreat will inform and encourage other people to get involved with the organization.

“Talking about the retreat is just to get to word out so that the members know we are having a retreat that way they can plan for it before coming back from winter break,” Nees said.

Nees said there was a lot of excitement earlier in the semester surrounding the spring retreat after the success of the fall retreat.

At the meeting the executive board members will also make their decision on which jackets/hoodies they want.

“The jackets/hoodies are just going to be a great way to publicize RHA and students showing off that they are apart of an amazing organization,” Nees said.

Dondre Keeler, the National/Illinois Communication Coordinator for

the RHA, said he will be discussing last week’s Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conference, which took place at Ball State University.

The Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls is a student-run conference focused on bettering the RHAs at colleges around the great lakes area.

Keeler said his delegation went with him to the conference so that they all could grow as leaders. Keeler also said he got a lot out of the conference.

“I personally took from the conference that student leaders can (do) so much if they put their minds to things,” Keeler said. “There are so many strong leaders that I took with me that can do such great things for this campus.”

Keeler said he believes he brought back ideas that will help him improve much more than just his own leadership skills.

“I definitely have brought back things that I will be able to use to improve my executive board, and in the long run improve our organization,” Keeler said.

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“They play traditional Israeli music,” Crews said. “The music has a number of influences most Americans are not familiar with. They sing in Hebrew and Aramaic.”

This ensemble combines instruments from all over the world. Some instruments such as violins, guitars are known to Americans, but the instruments also include things such as: Ouds, a 3,500 year old string instrument and was the ancestor of the lute and guitar; a Jumbushs, an instrument similar to the banjo; and Darbukas, a hour-glass-shaped drum popular throughout the Middle East.

The Yamma: Ensemble Israel is taking place as a part of the 2011-

2013 Arts Midwest World Fest, which presents international musical ensembles to Midwest communities and provide residencies in the community.

While in the area, Yamma will present workshops at elementary and senior high schools in Oakland, Casey, Robinson, Oblong and as well as Lake Land and Lincoln Trail Colleges.

“Many of these (schools) rarely get this type of opportunity,” Crews said. “They get to experience another culture, one they’ll be totally unfamiliar with.”

The 2011-2013 Arts Midwest World Fest is sponsored by many foundations including, but not lim-

ited to, the National Endowment for the Arts, the 3M Foundation, MetLife Foundation and the Illinois Art Council.

Crews said music can help us to celebrate difference.

“Music is a language that is universal,” Crews said. “Through these seductive tones and intoxicating rhythms we might find a way to see ourselves in the world around us differently.”

Admission to the Yamma: Ensemble Israel is \$10.

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Dietz said she was initially more inclined to lend to individuals in textile industries because of her passion for that area.

She said she is also apt to lend to women and families looking to send their children to school.

She said she was first drawn to Kiva because of their ability to distribute a small amount of money to people in need.

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Dietz said Kiva is a good fit for college students because it does not require large donations.

She said even if college students think they can’t contribute, they can take small steps that can make a difference.

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easier.”

Patricia Poulter, associate dean of the college of arts and humanities, also said a Kiva donation does not have to be much to create an impact.

“Rather than waiting to give a fortune, \$25 can make a huge difference,” she said.

Poulter said she has provided loans to about 15 Kiva applicants, ranging from sustainable farming and art and women’s cooperative programs.

Poulter said she loves Kiva because it provides her the opportunity to donate to causes she supports.

“I can go through and select things that are close to my heart,” she said.

Poulter said even if students cannot afford to donate \$25, Kiva accepts smaller donations, such as \$10.

She said she suggests students even pooling their money together to create a donation.

Poulter said even during the holiday season, students could ask those who normally give Christmas gifts to forgo one present in favor of a Kiva donation.

“Even if that’s all you ever do, you still make a difference,” she said.

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He said he expects the community to come to their events because the occupy movement is not about Democrats or Republicans, but all people.

Despite leaving the quad, the group has no plans on giving up their cause.

At today’s forum Douglas said they might discuss traveling north to partici-

pate in the Occupy Chicago movement for a while.

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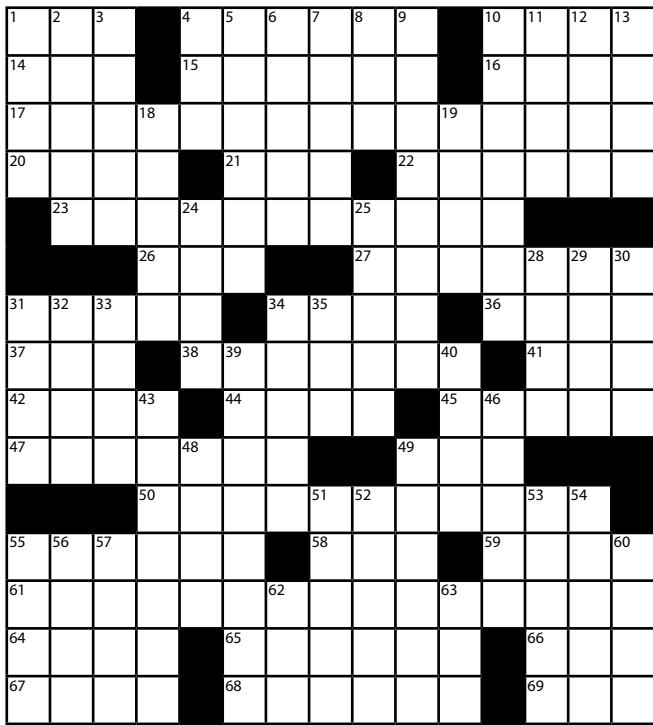
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Panthers ready for improvement

I am excited for the Eastern men’s basketball team to start its season.

Not because I think they are going to go crazy and post an undefeated season or sweep the Ohio Valley Conference and make the NCAA tournament.

I am excited because the Panthers have one of the best point guards in the conference and they will be fun to watch.

Let’s face it, losing 10 of their last 11 games and missing the OVC was much worse than anyone predicted the Panthers would finish.

I know the team will not focus on how it finished in 2011, and with a solid recruiting class it should be in store for a solid season.

Remember, Eastern was picked to finish third on the OVC last season, now just one season later it is picked ninth.

The OVC has gotten better, and Austin Peay will be very tough to beat, but I think the Panthers will do much better than ninth.

The team looked solid in its one and only exhibition game against Olivet Nazarene.

I am not getting over excited about this because Nazarene doesn’t have nearly as much talent as the Panthers.

Eastern has the talent on this team to be one of the better teams in the OVC. It just has to get it together.



Rob Mortell

Sophomore forward Alfonzo McKinnie is one of the most athletic forwards in the conference, and I think he has the potential to be great.

He is already a good shot-blocker, if he can get a little bit bigger and develop a go-to move in the post he will be tough to stop.

Senior guard L.C. Doss is also a great athlete and a gifted scorer.

Doss scored 13 points and made it look pretty easy against Nazarene. He hit jump shots and got to the rim a few times.

With Doss and senior guard Jeremy Granger, the Panthers should not have trouble scoring in their back court.

The post players lack size, but if they can play solid defense and finish the chances they are given, Eastern should have not trouble returning to the OVC tournament this year.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER SEASON RECAP

Panthers play lackluster season

By Brad Kupiec
Staff Reporter

Eastern’s women’s soccer season is over, and the Panthers recovered from a 1-6-2 record in its pre-conference schedule to go 4-5-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference and make its 13th consecutive OVC tournament.

The Panthers opened up with three consecutive road losses to Northern Iowa, Missouri and Belmont before tying Indianapolis University-Purdue University-Indianapolis in Indianapolis.

The Panthers then returned home to fall 2-3 to Butler before finally capturing their first win in match No. 6 against Western Illinois in a 1-0 nail-biter.

The Panthers then proceeded to go 0-2-1 to limp into conference play, where they caught fire and won three of their first four matches, losing only to eventual regular season champion Southeast Missouri in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The Panthers would then only win one of their remaining five regular season matches, including a 1-0 loss to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Senior Day at Lakeside Field.

The Panthers would then go on to lose 2-1 to Tennessee-Martin, who they had previously beaten in Martin, Tenn., in the first round of the OVC tournament.

The Panthers went into halftime of that match ahead 1-0, but Tennessee-Martin came out looking like a different team for the final 45 minutes, stymieing any Panther offense in the final 45 minutes while out-shooting Eastern



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Senior defender Erika Prazma looks to pass the ball Oct. 30 during the Panthers’ season finale 1-0 loss to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Lakeside Field.

13-0 in the second half.

“I think the good thing is that Tennessee-Martin did a great job just adjusting to what we were trying to do,” head coach Summer Perala said. “From our perspective it was fantastic that we actually made a team have to adjust to us.”

The loss was especially heartbreaking for the team’s seniors, including defender Sam Balek, who scored her first career goal in her final match as a Panther.

The Panthers’ season went up and down, but despite the disappointing ending there were multiple post-season bright spots, including three seniors, defender Hillary Blake and midfielder/forwards Jessica Blake and Ashley Eck,

being named Capital One Academic All-District V.

Also among the Panther post-season honorees were junior forward/midfielder Kristin Germann, who was named second-team All-Conference after a season that saw her lead the Panthers with five goals and tie for the team lead with two assists, as she was the only Panther with more than one goal on the season.

Also honored with All-OVC designation this year was freshman Meagan Radloff, who was named to the all-newcomer team.

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6th: Southeast Missouri

Southeast Missouri is led by Leon Powell, who averaged 14.1 points, 7.7 rebounds and 1.6 blocks per game.

Powell led the entire NCAA in field goal percentage at 63 percent.

The Redhawks qualified for the OVC tournament for the first time since 2007. Head coach Dickey Nutt is a returning three starters, including Powell. Marland Smith averaged 12.0 points per game and Lucas Nutt averaged 10.0 points per game.

University of Missouri transfer Tyler Stone and Missouri State transfer Michael Porter make their Redhawk debuts after sitting out last season.

7th: Eastern Kentucky

Eastern Kentucky had a .500 record in OVC play last season, finishing 9-9 and earning the No. 6 seed in the conference tournament.

The Colonels led the OVC in three-point shooting last season.

They are returning nine players, including two starters. The leader of that group is senior guard Joshua Jones, who averaged 10.7 points last season.

8th: Tennessee-Martin

Tennessee-Martin made strides last season going from four wins in 2010 to 12 wins in 2011.

The Skyhawks are led by a trio of sophomores: Mike Liabo, who averaged 11.2 points per game; Troy King,

who averaged 9.6 points per game; and Terence Smith, who averaged 11.3 points and 3.1 assists per game.

Liabo and King both made more than 50 three-point shots.

9th: Eastern Illinois

10th: Jacksonville State

Jacksonville State is led by head coach James Green. Green has brought in 11 new players: four freshmen and seven transfers.

The leading returning player is senior forward Stephen Hall, who averaged 11.1 points and five rebounds per game last season. Promising sophomore Brian Williams is ready for an expanded role, after averaging 4.6 points and 1.5 assists per game in his first season.

11th: Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville cannot win the OVC tournament this year, but it can win the regular season crown because the team is in the final stages of being reclassified to a Division-I school.

The team is led by red-shirt junior Mark Yelovich, who averaged 16.7 points and 5.9 rebounds per game in 2010. He had to sit out last season after getting injured in the team’s first game.

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“Lauren has enormous potential and she has all the tools,” Graziano said. “She’s strong she has great hands and she has great vision. There are so many nuisances to the game and I think a lot of it is starting to make sense. When it starts showing up I can start teaching her more and more stuff.”

Doyle and the Panthers will be back in action Saturday when they host Big Ten opponent Purdue in the final game of the regular season. Kickoff is scheduled for 12 p.m. at Lakeside Field.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

No days off

Panthers to face improved OVC teams

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

Eastern's men's basketball team will be up against an improved Ohio Valley Conference. Here are the teams it will have to compete against for a conference championship, listed in order of their preseason projections.

1st: Austin Peay

Head coach Dave Loos has put together another strong team. Last season, the Governors finished second in the league thanks to the emergence of guard TyShawn Edmonson.

Austin Peay is returning four of its five starters and is bringing back five more players, giving Loos a deep bench. Edmonson was second in the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring last season, averaging 17.1 points per game.

Also returning to the Governors is Anthony Campbell. In 2009-2010 Campbell was selected to the All-OVC second team. He averaged 15.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. Campbell was forced to red-shirt after getting injured 10 games into the season last year.

Austin Peay should be a force with a veteran team and experienced coaching.

2nd: Tennessee Tech

Tennessee Tech is led by Kev-

in Murphy, a preseason player of the year forward. Murphy averaged 17.0 points and 4.5 rebounds and helped the Golden Eagles become the best offensive team in the OVC.

Georgia transfer, guard Zac Swansey, made an immediate impact, hitting four game-winning shots. He also ranked seventh in the nation in assists per game at 6.4.

The Golden Eagles are under new coaching after Mike Sutton retired. Long-time assistant coach Steve Payne now controls a team that returns 11 players and four starters.

3rd: Murray State

Murray State won its 22nd regular season title last year, but fell short of the NCAA tournament by not winning the conference tournament.

The Racers are under new coaching staff as well, with the departure of Billy Kennedy. His assistant Steve Prohm has been elevated to head coach.

Murray State is led by guard Isaiah Canaan, who led the team with 11.7 points per game last season. The Racers return three seniors on what should be one of the more offensively balanced teams in the OVC.

The losses of guards B.J. Jenkins and Isacc Miles hurt the team, but the experience the other players gain in

last year's National Invitation Tournament should make up for that.

4th: Tennessee State

Tennessee State has not had a winning season since 1996, but this could be the year that changes.

Three players will make their debuts after sitting out last season because of transfer eligibility rules. Center Muniru Bawa transferred from the University of Indiana, guard Jordan Cyphers transferred from the University of Utah and forward Kellen Thornton transferred from Illinois State.

In addition to the transfers, the Tigers are returning All-OVC forward Kenny Moore who averaged 14.5 points and 6.9 rebounds per game last season, as well as Robert Covington who scored 13.4 per game and led the OVC, shooting 46 percent from the three-point line last season.

5th: Morehead State

Morehead State could have suffered the harshest off-season of any team in the OVC. The Eagles lost NBA draft pick Kenneth Faried and Demonte Harper.

Last season Morehead State won the OVC tournament and beat No. 4 Louisville in the NCAA tournament.

The Eagles have brought in nine new players to go along with their returning



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Freshman forward Josh Piper takes a shot Sunday during the Eastern men's basketball exhibition game against Olivet Nazarene. The Panthers won 78-48 against the Tigers.

players that are led by Terrance Hill.

Hill averaged 10.7 points per game and made 64 three-point shots last season.

Also returning for the Eagles is Ty Proffitt who averaged 7.1 points per game.

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Top Cat
with Lauren Doyle, rugby center

Doyle leads undefeated team

By Jordan Pottorff
Staff Reporter

Junior Lauren Doyle has been on a torrid offensive pace, and has been largely responsible for the offensive outburst that the women's rugby team has displayed over the past two weeks.

Doyle has been a major contributor for the Panthers this season, as she leads the team in five statistical categories. Doyle has seemingly been a part of every scoring play this season, and of late, she has found herself in the right place at the right time, just when the Panthers need her most.

"I feel like my eyes are developing now that I've been playing for three years," Doyle said. "It's working out now."

Doyle leads the team in tries (18), points (152), runs more than 20 yards (23), steals at tackle (17), and conversions (31-67).

Doyle continued to impress, following a career-best game against Iowa State that had her scoring four tries and assisting on three others in the 50-22 win on Oct. 29.

Doyle ran all over the Bobcat defense, pacing the Panthers offensive attack from the opening whistle to the final minutes of the game. Doyle was instrumental in recording the three-game season series sweep against the NCAA newcomers as she tallied an impressive five tries in the 66-3 win.

Doyle got the Panthers offensive attack going in the right direction, recording her first try of the afternoon in the second minute of play. She closed out an impressive first half performance that had her racing to score on three different occasions.



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Junior center Lauren Doyle dodges Quinnipiac players during Eastern's game Sunday. Doyle led Eastern in tries earning five during the 66-3 victory against Quinnipiac.

Doyle is considered one of the best offensive weapons that Eastern head coach Frank Graziano has in his arsenal,

and she will certainly be called upon to lead the Panthers in her senior season.

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SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Swimmers see league foes this weekend

By Nick Blankenship
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's swimming teams are in the midst of an off-week following losses for both teams in last weekend's meet against the Illinois-Chicago. The men fell by a score of 122-76, while the women also fell by a score of 137-60.

Both the men's and women's teams will compete this weekend at the House of Champions Invitational in Indianapolis. This will be the next meet for both of the Panther teams, following an off-week after the meet against Illinois-Chicago.

Both teams are winless, with both the men's and women's team holding record of 0-3.

Around the Summit League

For the second week in a row, two students from the Oakland Golden Grizzlies won the player of the week awards for their performances against Wright State this past week.

Sophomore Matyas Keresztes was awarded the honor of being the Men's Athlete of the Week. This is the second time collecting the award. He finished with a league-best time of in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.29. Keresztes helped his team win the 200-yard freestyle and medley relays.

On the women's end, sophomore

Vanessza Balogh won her sixth Athlete of the Week award of her swimming career and second this season, winning the 1,650-yard freestyle at a time of 16:52.08. Balogh also won the 400-yard individual medley at 4:29.31.

Oakland's men and women beat Wright State with scores of 133-85 and 149-88. Oakland will next face Eastern Michigan at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The South Dakota women battled Northern Iowa over the weekend and won 138-105. The men and women teams will travel to face Green Bay at 6 p.m. today and Border Battle at 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Nebraska women lost to Northern Iowa 119.5 to 176.5. Nebraska will face the Nebraska Huskers next at 5 p.m. at home at 5 p.m. Friday.

South Dakota State had a bye week after both its men and women beat Western Illinois. South Dakota State's next challenge will be St. Cloud State at 2 p.m. Saturday.

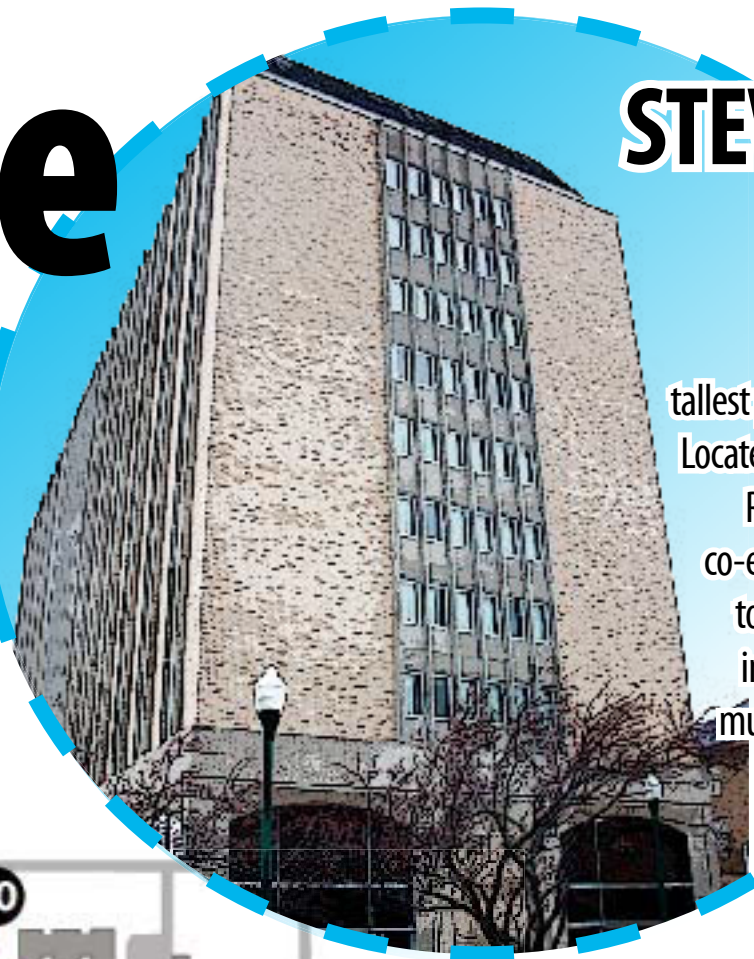
Western Illinois and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis will participate alongside Eastern in the House of Champions Invitational this weekend on Friday and Saturday on the campus of IU-PUI.

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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS' 2011-2012 Section B HOUSING & DINING GUIDE

Residence hall 101

Thinking about experiencing
the dorm life next year?
Here is a breakdown of the
residence halls on campus.



STEVENSON HALL

Stevenson Hall is the
tallest point in Coles County.
Located east of the Student
Recreation Center, this
co-ed dorm can house up
to 376 residents. To live
in Stevenson, students
must complete 60 credit
hours or be
21 years old.

1. **Carman Hall** (see photo)

2. **Andrews Hall** (see photo)

3. **Lawson Hall** - Lawson Hall was built as the mirror
image of Andrews Hall and was opened in 1967. Located
on the South Quad, the nine-floor building can house up
to 427 girls.

4. **Thomas Hall** - Located on South Quad, Thomas Hall
will become a co-ed residence hall in the Fall of 2012. The
hall can house up to 446 residents.

5. **Taylor Hall** - Located on South Quad, Taylor Hall was
opened in 1965. The co-ed dorm can house about 248
female residents and 354 male residents.

6. **Weller Hall** - Weller Hall was built
in 1958 and is a co-ed dorm. This hall
has won ROC Fest for the past three
years.

male residents. The hall was completed
in 1958.

9. **Stevenson Hall** (see photo)

7. **Ford Hall** - Ford Hall was built in
1958 and was originally built only for
temporary living. It is located west of
Booth Library with a capacity of 72
female residents and 78 male residents.

8. **McKinney Hall** - Located in the
middle of campus, this co-ed dorm can
house up to 72 female residents and 78

10. **Pemberton Hall** - Pemberton
Hall is the oldest residence hall on
Eastern's campus, built in 1909. This
hall is the oldest women residence hall
in the state of Illinois. Currently, the
hall, located on the northwest end of
campus, is still an all female residence
hall that can house up to 212 residents.



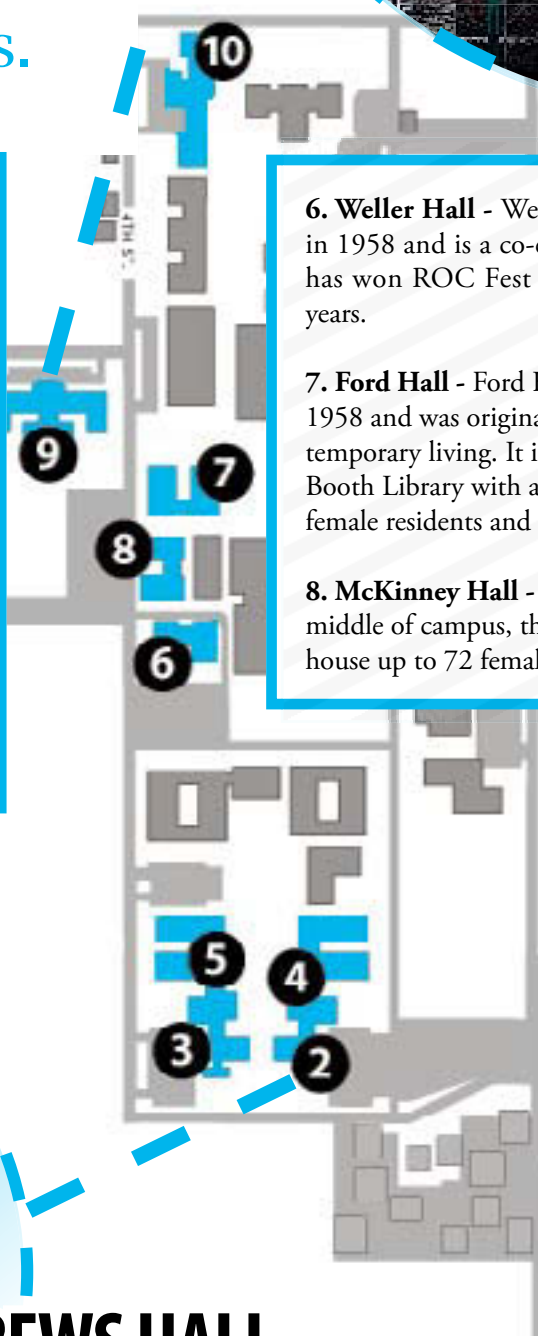
ANDREWS HALL

Andrews Hall, an a female residence hall, was the
first-high rise building built on campus. Located on
South Quad, the nine-floor building can house up
to 480 residents. The hall was built in 1964.



CARMAN HALL

Carman Hall was completed in 1971 and was the
first co-ed residence hall on Eastern's campus.
Located in the southwest corner of campus, the
hall has two towers, one for women and one for
men. The hall can hold up to 390 female residents
and 348 male residents.



DORM RECREATION



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Amanda Woolard, a sexual health education coordinator for the Health Education Resource Center on campus, demonstrates the use of a dental dam Jan. 12 during a Rubber Lovers presentation. Residence halls can schedule a Rubber Lovers session to be hosted in-house, often as part of hall council or similar activities.

Residents find fun in own living spaces

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Students who live on-campus do not always have to leave their residence hall to find something fun to do.

The residence halls on campus host different events for their residents to take part in, whether it involves a specific floor, the whole building or multiple buildings.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said each hall has different events each year, as well as new events.

Each year the residents can participate in the Residents On Campus Festival. ROC Fest is a week-long competition for the residence halls and Greek Court that lets residents participate in different activities.

"There (are) cardboard boat races, scavenger hunts, and it is all so students can get to know people on campus," Hudson said.

The residence halls also have individual activities.

"Each hall has a tradition, Pemberton does a formal dance for their residents," Hudson said.

Most halls sell building T-shirts and each often have volunteer activities, Hudson said.

Each residence hall gives their

residents an opportunity to buy activity cards that help pay for the different activities offered by the buildings.

Hudson said he thinks these cards are good because by having people buy them, students get access to board games and cooking supplies and most buildings have prize contests that residents can enter by buying these cards.

Other activities included in the residence hall life are hall council meetings.

The halls have weekly meetings in which they discuss different issues, but some are turned into social events and activities, such as root beer pong in Weller Hall.

These events are sometimes educational, such as the root beer pong game, where residents learned different facts about alcohol.

Halls also organize events, such as Rubber Lovers or other activities that educate residents.

Kristi Eustice, the resident director in Andrews Hall, said the hall council meetings are the main place for residents to find out what is going on.

"Hall councils are the main place for our residents to get involved," Eustice said. "By coming to hall council they will hear about some of the activities that we have."

Eustice said Andrews Hall often has community building exercises, activities like fundraising and tailgating.

"We've done pie the RA and that was really fun," Eustice said.

Activities also include things on the individual floors.

Janae Bonner, a senior biological sciences major and RA in Weller Hall, said she tries to organize different activities for her floor.

Bonner said she has done diversity programs, such as cross the line and movie and game nights.

She has made stress balls, and has tried to influence interactions on the floor by having the open door competitions.

"It gets them to branch outside their comfort zone," Bonner said. "It's also a way to get them to connect with others."

Hudson said activities in the residence halls make the hall environment more welcoming and fun.

Bonner agreed.

"This is our home away from home," Bonner said. "We want to provide as much as we can to make it a excellent environment."

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DAY IN THE LIFE

Resident assistant job challenging, but rewarding job

By Emily Pellegrine
Staff Reporter

Think being a residence hall assistant requires decorating bulletin boards, making door decorations and performing weekly night duties? Think again.

Meg Briscoe, a sophomore elementary education major, is the resident assistant of Lawson Hall's fourth floor where she oversees 48 residents.

Briscoe said being an RA involves much more than people think it does.

"I wake up and go to class, then return to my floor in Lawson, where I work on homework and other activities for a few hours, then I have class again," Briscoe said.

Briscoe said her door is always open for residents to come in and out if they have any questions, concerns or just want a friendly face to talk to.

"Residents will come in and show me how they did on a test or homework assignment," Briscoe said. "I'm always there if they need help with school and I try to make them feel proud of their grades."

All of the residence halls have academic initiatives system to reward the residents to promote good grades and encourage the residents to strive for academic success, Briscoe said.

Briscoe said the conversations between her and the residents are completely confidential, so they often confide in her about school, relationships or any other problems they might be dealing with.

"I also feel like I can be open with them as well, so if I ever have a problem and want to talk, they will be there to support me," Briscoe said.

The reason Briscoe said she wanted to be an RA was because of the relationship she and her RA formed during her freshman year.

"I was really close to my RA and she inspired me because she got to know all of us individually, rather than just the bare minimum," Briscoe said.

Briscoe said her RA went above and beyond to get to know the residents and their hobbies, how they were doing in school, and that helped them form bonds with each other.

"I knew I wanted to be that person people can trust and I wanted to help other people form bonds just like I

did with my RA," Briscoe said.

A major role in being an RA involves getting to know the residents on a personal level, getting to know their strengths and weaknesses, as well as making them feel comfortable no matter what academic year they are in Briscoe said.

"I think a lot of people think you can't have a social life being an RA, but that isn't true, we all have friends outside of our residence hall and we are all involved in other groups and organizations," Briscoe said.

Briscoe said being an RA has helped with developing communication skills, problem solving skills; and it has also opened up a window of diversity.

"RA jobs don't limit you, they help you develop time management skills and realize what your priorities are," Briscoe said.

Briscoe said she and the residents share a mutual respect and bring out the best in each other.

"One of my residents is an extremely compassionate person, she inspires me to become more passionate everyday," Briscoe said.

Diversity is another quality attained from being an RA, Briscoe said.

"We all have our differences, but we have been able to come together because of our differences, and it has made our floor dynamic very interesting," Briscoe said.

Everyone seems to have different view points as well, so seeing things from other angles has helped develop me as a person, Briscoe said.

"Some of my residents are older so they kind of act like big sisters to other residents and help with school or picking out teachers," Briscoe said.

Though night duty is a weekly requirement for RA's, it is simply about keeping the building safe and making sure everyone is behaving, Briscoe said.

"Being an RA is like a full-time job," Briscoe said. "It's about learning how to always be there for someone as well as guiding them to being independent on their own."

Interviewing to be an RA is a long process, but definitely worth it Briscoe said.

Applications to be an RA for fall 2012 are due Nov. 11.

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PEOPLE TO KNOW

Students get to know residence hall staff

RAs can help with roommate concerns, issues

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Living in a residence hall, students need to know who they can turn to for help.

Many people in the halls are available to help students with their problems and answering questions.

In the residence halls there are resident assistants, associate resident directors, resident directors and other staff in the buildings.

RAs are leaders on each floor of a residence hall.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said RAs are supposed to be the source of leadership on the floors.

“RAs are undergraduate students there to help residents with your college years,” Hudson said.

According to the job description six of the basic roles of the RA are to work as community facilitator, educator/programmer, team member, administrator, university representative and referral agent.

Janae Bonner, an RA in Weller Hall and a senior biological sciences major, said she has been an RA for three years and has continued to learn from the experience.

“We all have duty nights Monday through Friday and we choose duty weekends,” Bonner said. “So there is always someone (who) is there at all times to assist the residents in the hall.”

Bonner said she is responsible for guiding her residents and answering any questions they have.

She said she often has great relationships with her residents.

“I love the relationships I make,” Bonner said. “I have created bonds with so many different girls. I get to see how they blossom.”

Hudson said it is also a good idea to know the resident director or the associate resident director.

According to the job description, the resident director is responsible for the management, administration, services, and activities in a residential building/area consisting. They are also responsible for managing the staff of the building.

Assistant residents directors share the responsibilities of the resident director.

Resident directors, like Kristi Eustice, the resident director for Andrews Hall, also mentor the RAs and residents.

“My job is mentoring the RAs, talking with residents that might have personal issues going on and telling the where to go to get help,” Eustice said.

Eustice also tries to make the residence hall a friendly and open environment.

Eustice said she thinks it is important to know who the resident director is.

“It’s very important, I try to make myself visible in the hall, I go to floor meetings and introduce myself again,” Eustice said. “I think it’s important because if there is a problem and they need someone that they can talk to, they know that they can talk to me.”

Eustice said it is important to get

problems taken care of promptly.

“If there is something that they don’t know how to handle, they can come talk to me and we can take care of it and they can go back to their studies,” Eustice said.

It is also important to know the staff in the buildings other than RAs and ARDs and RDs. Residents should also the building student workers, desk assistants and night assistants.

Hudson said the BSWs are a critical part of community life. They are often the people students see the most other than their RA.

“They work to keep the environment neat and clean,” Hudson said.

BSWs are also the people can help with problems in the halls, such as messes and things that are broken.

“Many BSWs have told me about how they have built relationships with the residents in a building,” Hudson said.

Desk assistants are also important to know because they work with the secretaries and help deal with different issues throughout the day.

Hudson said it is important to know the staff in the residence halls because it makes the hall experience better.

“Being in a safe environment is part of what you pay for,” Hudson said. “Developing those relationships makes you more comfortable and therefore you feel more comfortable asking for help.”

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EARLY BIRD

University offers incentives for early contract sign-up

Prizes include chance to win extra dining dollars

By Kathryn Richter
Staff Reporter

The office of Housing and Dining is giving away prizes, as well as special gifts, to students who sign up early for housing for the 2012-2013 school year.

Lindsay Partlow, a housing officer, said the Early Bird Contracts allows students to compete for prizes and receive a gift of \$100 dining dollars for fall of 2012.

Partlow said students who sign up with the Early Bird Contracts are entered into a drawing in which students could potentially win free room and board, a free room, a free double as a single upgrade and a male-specific and female-specific prize.

“If you already know for sure that you’re living on campus next year, why not sign up and take advantage of these prizes,” Partlow said.

In order to be eligible for the prizes, students must sign the contract in the Housing and Dining office and

pay the \$250 housing deposit by Dec. 16, Partlow said.

Partlow said the \$250 has to be paid as a housing deposit regardless of whether the student signs up for the Early Bird Contract in December or if they sign up for the regular housing contract in February.

Partlow said there are also advantages other than the prizes for signing up early, including peace-of-mind about having a room secure and having priority for rooms over other students.

Partlow said for the past few years, the number of students who take advantage of the Early Bird Contract has been between 600-700 students.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, has said that the number of students who sign up is pretty steady.

“It’s a pretty healthy number of people willing to make that commitment early,” Hudson said.

Hudson said he thinks the reason more people do not sign is because students are not sure what their housing situation is going to be next year, whether they want to live on-or-off-campus.

“It makes sense to sign an Early Bird Contract soon and then decide by the end of the semester what you’re going to do,” Hudson said.

Early Bird info

- 25 - 30 Andrews Hall residents have handed in Early Bird contracts so far
- About 600 - 700 students on average sign up for Early Bird contracts
- Students can be entered to win \$100 in dining dollars for the 2012-2013 school year

Kristi Eustice, the residence director for Andrews Hall, said between 25 and 30 Andrews Hall residents have handed in Early Bird Contracts so far.

“We would like to see more students take advantage of it because it gets the set up for the next year,” Eustice said.

Eustice said the benefits of signing up early include securing the ideal room for next year.

“You definitely know you are going to have a place next year and you have pretty much first choice,” Eustice said. “In most situations students get the preference that they wanted because we don’t have students taking advantage of it.”

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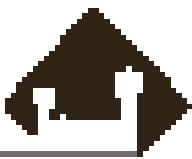
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Plus, all participating students will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win:

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ROOMMATES

Changes can still be made to contracts

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

Living on campus can be an adventure, but with the end of the fall semester approaching, many students are planning for the Spring 2012 semester.

For some students planning for the next semester may mean changing their living situation.

Sandee Ibbotson, secretary for Pemberton Hall, said she helps file the paperwork when a student wants to change their housing arrangements.

“The process begins in mid-October when students receive a letter informing them of their academic year 2011-2012 contracts and that they now have the opportunity to make changes for the coming semester,” Ibbotson said. “There are two separate forms depending what the student wants to do, one for those canceling and another if they want to change rooms, buildings or roommates.”

Both forms require students to state their reasoning, including graduation, student teaching, studying abroad and withdrawing from the university.

Jocelyn Swanson, a freshman Spanish major, said she is currently going through the process of changing her living situation for next semester.

“I didn’t want a roommate for next semester, it’s been difficult,” Swanson said. “I’m not used to living with someone whom I am not related too.”

Swanson said she talked to her friends, who informed her of the moving process.

“I’m hoping for a physical single room,” Swanson said. “It will make things more convenient and I won’t have to take another person into account.”

Students have until Nov. 18 to make these changes and turn the paperwork into the Housing and Dining Services Office.

After Nov. 18 no changes can be made to a student’s housing contract.

The last day to cancel a housing contract is Dec. 12.

Ibbotson said students will receive their new housing assignment letters

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“We normally order from the cheapest place possible,” she said.

Johnston said she often orders from Domino’s Pizza, Joey’s Place and Jimmy John’s.

She said when she can find someone with a car, she goes to the least costly option for food.

She said QQ Buffer is especially within her budget.

Tim McHugh, a junior graphic design major, said he would rather eat in to save money.

“It’s a lot more cost efficient,” he said. “Cost has to do with a lot of what I eat.”

McHugh said some nights he prefers to go out to eat, but within a budget.

“If I’m in the mood, I’ll go out, but some nights I’d rather not spend more than \$20,” he said.

McHugh said he is willing to eat out at less costly places, such as Domino’s, Jimmy John’s and Joey’s Place.

Angela Bicos, a junior English major, said when she goes out to eat, she is more concerned about the quality of the food than the cost.

“When I go out, I want a good meal,” she said.

However, she said the prices of her meals are still a factor. She said she often goes to Los Potrillos for

this reason.

“They have such a huge menu, and you get such big portions that you can always bring something home,” she said.

Bicos said she is more likely to cook her own meals at home, but goes out to eat once every two weeks.

She said she also gets deliv-

ery food from places like Smokey’s House BBQ because she lives off campus and does not have a car.

“It makes a big difference,” she said.

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HEALTH ISSUES

Healthy options available at dining halls

By Emily Pellegrine
Staff Reporter

Staying healthy in the dining halls is a struggle for some Eastern students, but knowing what foods to eat can be the best tool to combat the back-to-school weight gain.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said all of the menus available at the dining halls are designed with flexibility and choice.

“There is the healthy choice section in Taylor Dining Hall, which offers a healthy entrée every night, and there is also baked or grilled chicken available,” Hudson said.

In Thomas Dining Hall, there is

also whole wheat and gluten free crust available to make a personal pizza on, Hudson said.

Erin O’Leary, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, said she tries to stay as healthy as possible in the dining halls, but finds it difficult because of the lack of variety.

“I don’t think there is enough healthy options available for students,” O’Leary said.

Karla Kennedy-Hagan, assistant chairwoman of the school of family and consumer sciences, said fiber is a major nutrient students need to incorporate into their diet because it takes longer to digest, which keeps the body fuller longer.

There are many cereals available

that are high in fiber, which can be added to yogurt or eaten with skim milk, Kennedy-Hagan said.

“It is possible to eat healthy and get the right nutrients in the dining halls, it is just about making the right choices and being educated about the nutrition,” Hudson said.

Ashley Grubbs, a junior family and consumer sciences major, said her diet includes mostly salads and what ever vegetables the dining halls have to offer.

“Taylor Dining Hall has the ‘healthy choice’ section where you can chose healthier options,” Grubbs said.

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Freshman undecided major Kelly Colletti chooses a Fresh Express salad on Wednesday from Stevenson Dining Center. Stevenson is a popular destination for students looking for healthy choices in order to maintain a nutritious diet.

HALL UPDATES

Thomas Hall community to turn co-ed

By Melissa Boydston
Staff Reporter

Changes happening at Thomas Hall will be more about community adjustments than physical changes according to Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services.

Next fall, Thomas Hall will change from an all-male dorm to co-ed, making Douglas the only remaining all-male dorm on campus.

This is not the first change that Thomas has undergone in the recent past. The office in Thomas’s basement that serves as the Veterans coordinator’s office used to be a field office for police investigations.

Thomas was also the first residence

hall on the south quad to have wireless Internet installed, Hudson said.

Hudson also said Andrews Hall will have wireless Internet operational by the end of the week, with Lawson and Taylor Halls to follow.

The changes made will not be anything dramatic and should not present too many difficulties for the university or the Thomas Hall population, Hudson said.

Randall Bogard, Complex Director of Thomas Hall, said the specifics of how the building will change with the addition of female residents have yet to be determined.

“We haven’t specifically figured out the set up yet,” Bogard said.

Thomas Hall may become co-ed by

rotational floors or possibly by having one tower designated female and the other male.

The decision to change Thomas to a co-ed hall reflects the changes in campus demographics. There are more female residents than male residents and the change will help accommodate that.

Kristi Eustice, the Resident Director of Andrews Hall, said that Taylor Hall, currently the only co-ed hall on the south quad, is one of the most popular halls on campus and for good reason.

“I think it’s going to offer residents more choices and the more choices the residents have, the better,” Eustice said.

Eustice said the impact the changes will have on Eastern’s community, particularly in the south quad will be ultimately positive.

“It’s just going to offer residents a lot of opportunities,” Eustice said. “I think it will be for the better.”

Making Thomas a co-ed hall may also have an impact on the dynamic at hall council.

Bogard said with the addition of female representation, there might be a different feel to hall council.

There would also be an alteration in programming for the hall, with the hall council programs being geared toward both male and female residents.

“I think next year will be very challenging, but an exciting year for the hall,” Bogard said.

Thomas Dining Center, along with Taylor Dining Center, joined Carman

Hall and went trayless this fall. This change was made to help cut down on food waste in the dining centers.

There was initially some problems adjusting to the new trayless dining, but with time, the staff and students appear to have adjusted well, Hudson said.

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OTHER OPTIONS

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Alternative living options outside bounds of campus

By Sara Hall
City Editor

Students looking for an off-campus feel while still staying within Eastern's residence have options for their housing needs.

University Court

Those students looking for the freedom of apartment-style living while still staying in the comforts of campus living can look into University Court, the Eastern-owned apartment complex located near Andrews and Carman Halls.

Chad Franks, marketing specialist for University Court, said University Court consists of two-bedroom apartments, each equipped with its own kitchen, living room and bathroom.

He said some of the apartments have balconies, pantries and hallway storage closets, depending on the apartment.

"Each can be a little different than the other," he said.

Franks said University Court often appeals to students because students can use their financial aid to live there.

He said many students also enjoy the University Court apartments be-

cause they are on campus.

"You're living the apartment lifestyle with all the on-campus service," he said. "If you need assistance at 4 a.m., we're a phone call away."

Franks said tenants at University Court pay for minimal utilities, including electricity and water bill. However, he said students are given a monthly allowance for these utilities, which help offset the cost.

Franks said students seem to enjoy the upfront set prices of living in University Court.

"When you live on campus, there are no hidden costs because everything is included," he said.

He said students also enjoy that University Court contracts coincide with Eastern's academic year.

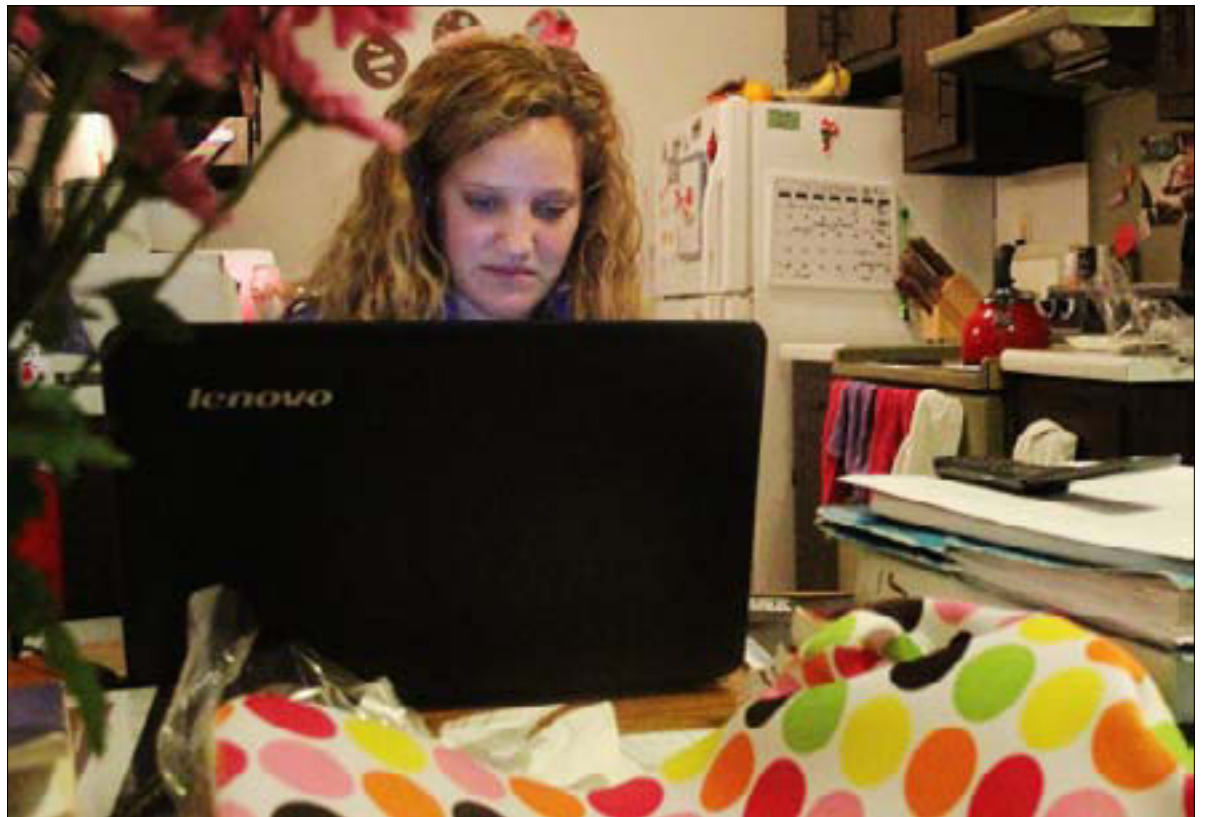
"You don't have to worry about summer subleases," he said. "When (the) school year is done, so is your contract."

Franks said summer housing is also available at University Court.

Greek Court

For those involved in or considering joining Eastern's Greek life, Greek Court is also an option that provides on-campus living.

Located near Carman and Andrews Halls, Greek Court is made up



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Sophomore special education major Jennifer Vogt studies in the dining area of her University Court apartment. Vogt lives with two other female students in a two bedroom, 1.5 bath space, and considers University Court a happy medium for housing. "It's a good transition. My roommate didn't want to move off-campus, but I really wanted to get out of the dorms," Vogt said.

of 19 fraternities and sororities living in designated houses.

Kelly Lawrie, Greek Court coordinator, said in order to live in Greek Court, interested applicants must be affiliated with a fraternity or sorority. She said they must also have lived one semester in the residence halls.

She said the number of residents in each home can vary from 12 to 52 people, depending on the fraternity or sorority.

Lawrie said all houses except one are suite-style with a conjoined bathroom.

She said each house is self-governing, with fraternity and sorority

members choosing their own roommates and living situations.

"There's quite a bit more independence living in a chapter house," she said.

She said each house also has a chapter room, a full kitchen and lounge area.

Lawrie said students seem to enjoy living in Greek Court because it provides both the perks of living on campus and the freedoms of off-campus living.

"(Greek Court residents) have the same exact contract for a residence hall," she said. "It's the same contract binding agreements and same meal

plan options."

Lawrie said the students who live in Greek Court seem to have a special bond.

"The sense of community is evident here," she said. "Typically everyone involved operates as their own chapter and as well as a community."

Lawrie said living in Greek Court also helps students grow as individuals.

"It's another step in student development and preparing for the future," she said.

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OFF CAMPUS



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Los Potrillos, a Mexican restaurant located on Lincoln Avenue, offers a cheap dining option for students looking for affordable off-campus food options.

Cheap food offered outside of campus

By Sara Hall
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Students looking to save money on food are not limited to eating on campus.

Lisa Techman, a senior family and consumer sciences major, said she likes to eat out, but likes to put a cost limit when going out to eat.

"I don't like to spend more than \$10," she said.

Techman said she goes out to eat once a week, opting for both restaurant-style and fast-food.

Although she strives to eat on a budget, Techman said she does not find the less expensive food to be of less value.

"I don't find food that is cheap to be less quality," she said.

Techman said because she lives in University Village, she relies on delivery food.

Chelsea Johnston, a sophomore sociology major, said because she does not have a car, she also orders delivery food, especially from places that are cost-effective.

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